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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of :
Youji NOTOYA et al. :
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ENCODING MODE DECIDING APPARATUS,
IMAGE ENCODING APPARATUS, ENCODING
MODE DECIDING METHOD, AND ENCODING
MODE DECIDING PROGRAM

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows.